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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
FOR DOGS AND CATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

All dogs and cats entering the Cayman Islands must be accompanied by an import permit or valid passport issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture and an official health certificate (State or Federal) issued and signed by an accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The health certificate must have been issued within 14 days of the expected arrival to the Cayman Islands and should state the following:

1. The animal is not infected with any communicable disease and is free from external parasites.
2. The animal has been treated on the day of examination with an acaricidal preparation (provide name on the health certificate) which is known to have residual action against ticks (e.g. flea or tick spray or dip).
3. The animal has not, as best as can be ascertained, been exposed to rabies or been present within the last 6 months in an officially quarantined or designated rabies area.
4. The animal has, since attaining the age of 3 months, been vaccinated with an inactivated rabies vaccine, not less than 30 days and not more than one year prior to its arrival in the Cayman Islands.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING IMPORT PERMIT

1. A completed application form for the importation of dogs and cats (See Appendix I) must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture, along with the current official health certificate.
2. Applications should be made well in advance of travel. (See appendix I for application)
3. The application form must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of CI \$50.00 or US \$61.00 in the form of a bank draft or an international money order, made payable to the Cayman Islands Government.
4. Once the department is satisfied that the animal meets the conditions of entry an import permit will be issued. This must be presented, along with the health certificate, at the point of entry.
5. In lieu of the import permit, an animal passport, valid for 1 year, and may be obtained at a cost of CI \$150.00. This is intended for the use of frequent travelers to and from the Cayman Islands and must be applied for in person. Note that all entry/exit requirements must be met when seeking to leave or re-enter the islands with this passport.

POINTS TO NOTE

1. Plan your pet's certification process well in advance as it invariably necessitates at least two visits to your local veterinarian -- the first for rabies vaccination, and the second for health certification.
2. **Possession of a valid import permit or passport does not guarantee entry.** All animals are subject to examination at the point of entry by an approved inspector, who, at his/her discretion, may refuse permission for the animal to be landed or may order detention or destruction of the animal.
3. There are several **breeds of dogs prohibited from entering the Cayman Islands.** Genetic material such as semen and frozen embryos from these breeds are also prohibited. These breeds include: pit bull terrier, Staffordshire terrier, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino, Neopolitan Mastiff, Japanese Tosa, Rottweiler, and any such cross breeds.
4. The department will accept documents and permits by facsimile, and will forward permits by fax.
5. Once a permit has been issued, 48 hour notice of expected time of arrival along with details of vessel/airline should be provided to the Office of the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer.

For further information contact:

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APPENDIX I

APPLICATION FOR IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS

Species:_____

DATE OF BIRTH:_____ SEX:_____

BREED (if mixed, describe composition):_____

DESCRIPTION (color and markings):_____

PRESENT OWNER_____

ADDRESS OF OWNER:_____

PLACE OF ORIGIN OF ANIMAL (state/region,
country):_____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (in
full):_____

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CARRIER:_____

ESTIMATED DATE/TIME OF ARRIVAL:_____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE